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Employment in Jackson County: September 2023 **Private Education and Health Services Continue to Add Most Jobs Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County increased by 880 jobs in September. Private-sector industries adding jobs over the month were retail trade (+380), private education and health services (+120), and wholesale trade (+30). A couple sectors had estimated declines in September including leisure and hospitality (-80) and construction (-60). Government employment rose by 510 jobs in September, with the gain of 540 jobs in local government education accounting for the increase.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) added 160 jobs, an increase of 0.2%. Since September 2022, industries adding jobs included private education and health services (+1,060); other services (+170); and professional and business services (+100). In contrast, financial activities (-530); retail trade (-470); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-180); manufacturing (-160); and information (-40) lost jobs over the year.

Government employment was up by 250 jobs over the year. Local government (-30), which includes 190 lost local education jobs, was offset by gains in both state government (+150) and federal government (+130) since September 2022. Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.1 % in September, unchanged from August and down from 5.1% in September 2022.

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Notes:

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Medford-Ashland MSA (Jackson County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

			--Change From--		
	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	August 2023	September 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	105,597	105,876	108,129	-279	-2,532
Unemployed	3,974	4,602	5,035	-628	-1,061
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.3%	4.7%	-0.5	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.1%	5.1%	0.0	-1.0
Employed	101,623	101,274	103,094	349	-1,471
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	90,340	89,460	90,180	880	160
Total private	79,000	78,630	79,090	370	-90
Mining, logging, and construction	5,900	5,970	6,010	-70	-110
Mining and logging	470	480	480	-10	-10
Construction	5,430	5,490	5,530	-60	-100
Manufacturing	7,200	7,190	7,360	10	-160
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,820	19,420	20,410	400	-590
Wholesale trade	2,600	2,570	2,540	30	60
Retail trade	13,870	13,490	14,340	380	-470
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,350	3,360	3,530	-10	-180
Information	1,000	1,010	1,040	-10	-40
Financial activities	4,030	4,020	4,560	10	-530
Professional and business services	8,430	8,440	8,330	-10	100
Private education and health services	18,960	18,840	17,900	120	1,060
Health care and social assistance	17,790	17,730	16,860	60	930
Leisure and hospitality	10,860	10,940	10,850	-80	10
Accommodation and food services	9,290	9,420	9,320	-130	-30
Other services	2,800	2,800	2,630	0	170
Government	11,340	10,830	11,090	510	250
Federal government	1,950	1,940	1,820	10	130
State government	1,260	1,250	1,110	10	150
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,130	7,640	8,160	490	-30
Local education	5,020	4,480	5,210	540	-190

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

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